Construction of roads in Pauri Garhwal

2029. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and names of roads under construction in District Pauri Garhwal of Uttar Pradesh and at what stage of construction they are;

(b) what is the amount so far, spent and the amount sanctioned for completion of these roads;

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction of almost all roads in this district is delayed beyond scheduled time if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the road between Srinagar (Garhwal) to Pauri via Dehalchouri is under construction for the last 3 years and at present the construction work has stopped due to funds/financial constraints and lack of proper labour force engaged in the construction; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not fulfilling the long pending assurance about completion of the road and by when the construction is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain the information about the construction of roads in the States. Construction of roads is primarily the responsibility of the State Government as it is a State subject under Minimum Needs Programme and funds for the same are provided in the State Plan/Budget.

Misappropriation of Funds under Jawahar Rozar Yojana

2030. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints has been received against misuse of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana funds in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information received from Government of Andhra Pradesh, 84 complaints relating to misuse of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) funds in Guntur district have been received. On the basis of investigations into the complaints received action has been initiated by the State Government under Andhra Pradesh Gram Panchayatas Act, 1964, wherever necessary. It has also been informed by the State Government that so far, 11 village sarpanches have been suspended and 16 village sarpanches have been removed in Guntur district for misappropriation of JRY funds.

The system of checks and balances is built into the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) programme so that misutilisation of funds does not take place. The resources under JRY allocated to the village panchayats are kept in bank account of a post office account in the joint names of the Sarpanch and another member nominated by the panchayat. Every drawal from the bank is required to be authorised in the meeting of the village panchayat. Since JRY is implemented through village panchayats all over the country, the State Governments have drawn up a programme of inspection of these works by senior officers, from the State/District/Block level who are required to inspect the works in the villages/district at a froquency decided by the State Level Coordination Committee.